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Minnesota Department of Commerce  
85 7th Place E. Suite 500  
St. Paul, MN 55101

Re: PUC Docket # 13-474

Dear Mr. Hartman,

Enbridge Energy Limited Partnership, which is doing business as North Dakota Pipeline Company has applied to the State of Minnesota Public Utilities Commission for permission to construct and operate a new crude oil pipeline called the Sandpiper Pipeline.

The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission has scheduled public meetings, hearings, and a public comment period on the proposed Sandpiper Pipeline project, that will end on April 4, 2014. Many local Hubbard County landowners, who own land along the proposed pipeline route, and would be very interested in learning more about the pipeline route, alternatives to the route and its potential impact, are seasonal residents.

Residents who are presently absent are interested in participating in the public review and in offering comments. Presently they may be either unaware of the proposed route and/or unable to fully gain information from the public meetings as well as from consultation with neighbors and other interested parties.

Because of the above concerns, the Park Rapids Area League of Women Voters State Unit, asks that you offer more public informational meetings on dates that will allow those "snow birds", and seasonal residents to participate. Most seasonal residents do not return until May, so we would request that meetings be offered in June and July so that all citizens may be a part of this process. Likewise, we would also ask that the public comment period be extended to August 1, 2014, to allow more people who are landowners in this area to offer their comments.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. The League of Women Voters believes in the rights of the public to full participation in government and public policy affecting their lives. Again, we ask that public meetings be increased in number and offered on later dates, and that the comment period also be extended to August 1, 2014.

Sincerely,

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